

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. Governor

Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner

DATE:

September 24, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** 

Adamba Imports International Inc Recall

SUGGESTED

**ACTION:** 

Unclassified Recall; Undeclared Sulfites in Dried Apricots; Recommend

notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled "Ziolopex Bakaliada Morele Suszone (Dried Apricots)" are packaged in a 4.64 ounce (130 gram), plastic bag and coded 06 2010, 081215V1C in black ink on the back of the package. The product was distributed nationwide and is a product of Poland. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

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## Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and safety alerts from states as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA is not responsible for the content of these notices.

Consumer Alert - Undeclared Sulfites in "Ziolopex Bakaliada Morele Suszone (Dried Apricots)"

## **Company Contact:**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Sept 24, 2009 - New York State Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker today alerted consumers that Adamba Imports International, Inc., located at 585 Meserole Street, Brooklyn, NY is recalling "Ziolopex Bakaliada Morele Suszone (Dried Apricots)" due to the presence of undeclared sulfites. People who have severe sensitivity to sulfites may run the risk of serious or lifethreatening reactions if they consume this product.

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Routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis of the product by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the product contained high levels of sulfites which were not declared on the label. The consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics. Anaphylactic shock could occur in certain sulfite sensitive individuals upon ingesting 10 milligrams or more of sulfites.

No illnesses have been reported to date to this Department in connection with this product. Consumers who have purchased "Ziolopex Bakaliada Morele Suszone (Dried Apricots)" should contact Adamba Imports at 718-628-9700.

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Photo: Product Labels